

Fredricksburg, Va  
June 13<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Dear Flora:

I wrote to you from Richmond but have heard nothing in reply I wanted one of those swords which Stuart had at Riley and which I suppose he brought with him. If you have one, send it by Adams Express to me at this point - I saw Brewer in Richmond, but as I have heard nothing of him since leaving there, I think it probable he may have been ordered off. How are you and Maria situated at together, I hope pleasantly I am ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> of Genl Holmes' Staff, chief Quartermaster of the Dept. I am a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of Infantry. I intend however when the regular army is organized trying to get into the Cavalry. I find every thing here in the greatest confusion, with difficulties innumerable staring us in the face. But I think by the end of the month we will have things straightened up to a very considerable extent. You can't imagine the amount of business to be done. We have just heard and are rejoicing over the battle at Bethel Church - Answer this at once - I would like to write





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to names

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